

REMARKS

A new Abstract and set of claims conforming to U.S. practice are submitted herein.

U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0049009 to Rabenstein discloses a plug pin 1 (Figs. 1-2) for insertion into a metal sleeve 12 (Figs. 3-4). The sleeve 12 is inserted into a plaster model (paragraph 6, not illustrated). This arrangement is used for treating a dental patient. An implant is mounted on the pin and is secured in the oral cavity of the patient (paragraph 4).

Applicants' invention is used for dentistry practice. Applicants' model tooth is never inserted or mounted in the oral cavity of the patient.

In addition, as now more particularly recited in claims 5 and 10, the enlarged head 7 is radially larger than the cylindrical shaft 3. This enables the head to be received in a passage 5 of the base 4 with a snap-type action. In Rabenstein, the tongues 10 are not radially larger than any portion of the pin.

Furthermore, applicants' arrangement does not require a sleeve. Applicants' model tooth is "directly" mounted in the model base. This contrasts with Rabenstein's requirement to use the metal sleeve 12.

Wherefore, a favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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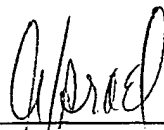
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